

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Excellent  
**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Average

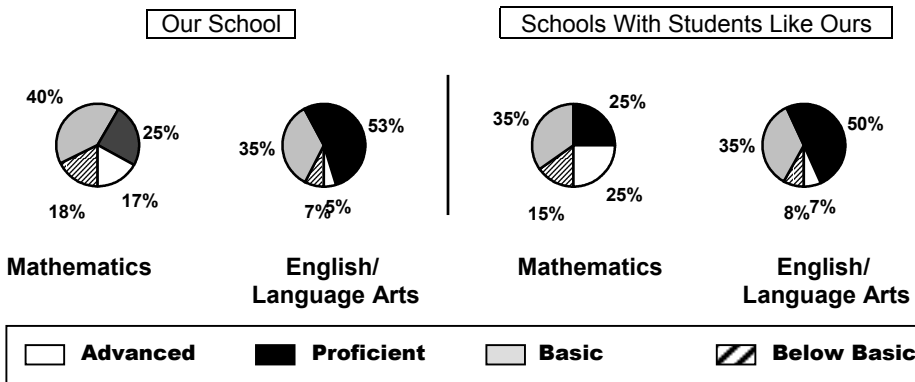
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 25.  
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=270)</b>	92.6	82.2	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=42)	88.1	59.5		
Students without disabilities (n=226)	94.2	86.8		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=152)	91.4	82.2		
Female (n=116)	95.7	82.9		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=88)	89.8	72.7		
Hispanic (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=168)	94.6	87		
Other (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=39)	79.5	71.8		
Pay for lunch (n=229)	95.6	84.3		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,603	N/A	\$5,262	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89%	Down from 91.3%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.8 to 1	N/A	20.6 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=511)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Down from 97%	96.8%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.7%	N/A	1.4%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.7%	N/A	1.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	93.2%	Up from 80.2%	94.5%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	4.5%	Up from 2.4%	1.6%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=38)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.8 Days	Down from 8.2	7.9 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95%	Down from 96%	94.6%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	60.5%	Down from 64.9%	52.8%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	89.5%	Up from 78.4%	89.7%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.6%	Down from 5.4%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.7%	Down from 88.5%	89.3%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,179	Up 7.9%	\$39,847	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	70.7%	N/A	65.4%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	6	N/A	3.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	96.6%	N/A	97.6%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	21.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1%	Up from 0.2%	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	24.5%	Up from 17.1%	27.5%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	15.5%	Up from 13.2%	6.1%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Ashley River Creative Arts Elementary continues to focus on curriculum as we strive for academic excellence. The state reading/language arts and math standards serve as a guide as we work toward assessing each child's individual needs. This standards-based approach combined with our hands-on arts emphasis enhances learning for all our children.

Our PACT scores were impressive. We will endeavor to help students falling below basic to perform at the basic level, while we work toward moving all students to performance at the proficient or advanced levels. Individual academic plans have helped teachers and parents to focus on children's skills needing special attention.

Facility concerns are the topic of discussion at School Community Council meetings. Roof repairs, window replacement, electrical upgrading, and fire alarm/call back systems are priority items. Repairs are underway for many of these items.

We were most proud to be recognized as one of the finalists for the Palmetto's Finest award for the second year; we have worked hard to achieve this goal. Ashley River is a special place for children, and we want others to know how valuable the arts are for young children. Recognition such as Palmetto's Finest helps promote what we do here.

Your time and support are vital to our success. Ashley River is your school and our students are your children. By working together we can create the environment desired for every child here. I believe the goals of our community go hand-in-hand with our school's mission statement: In partnership with families and community we will provide all students the opportunity to reach their maximum potential through an academic curriculum infused with the arts.

Jayne Ellicott, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	94.1	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.0	94.1	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	94.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Ashley River Elementary  
1870 Wallace School Road  
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Grades K-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 511 Students

#### Principal

Jayne Ellicott 843-763-1555

#### Superintendent

Dr. Ronald A. McWhirt 843-937-6319

#### Board Chair

Ms. Elizabeth H. Alston 843-723-0941



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Excellent

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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